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**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

Title of Invention	POSTERIOR STABILIZED KNEE SYSTEM PROSTHETIC DEVICES EMPLOYING DIFFUSION HARDENED SURFACES	
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

The declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or
- Application No. 10/073,705, filed on 02/11/2002,
- as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

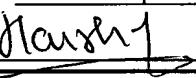
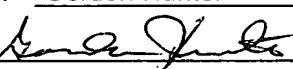
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I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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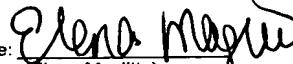
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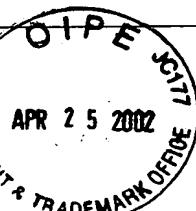
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